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NIGHTWATCH

Editor Revises Views on Interviewing

By KEVIN GRABLE

Now I know why people are so reluctant to be interviewed.

Until I was interviewed myself a few times, I had been laboring under the illusion that people who avoided newspaper interviews were somehow being unreasonable.

But now I know why, after being questioned repeatedly, a public figure might become somewhat hesitant about talking to the press.

There is nothing inherently bad about it. It's just that it gets so old so fast.

Since being named editor of the Evening Star, I have been interviewed four times: twice by the Valley Star, once by Crown magazine, and once by Austin Conover, Valley's public information officer.

All the people who interviewed me were very pleasant, but I really hope it's all over.

Being a journalist, I repeatedly caught myself speaking to interviewers in "quotable quotes." That way I wouldn't sound like an idiot.

Also I wouldn't risk having the interviewer change the meaning of something I say while fixing the grammar or making a complete sentence out of it.

See what I mean?

Often, however, just the opposite would happen. I would be concentrating so hard on what I was attempting to say that I would stumble over my own words.

But after a brief period of answering the same questions repeatedly, my answers became canned, dry, and practically memorized. They may have sounded interesting (I doubt it), but they sure were boring to repeat.

Public figures should, of course, be available to the press and the public.

It is vitally important that the public be educated and informed.

But the next time I set out to interview somebody, I'll surely be a lot more sympathetic.

Evening Students Starving for Clubs

By ANNETTE ALVIDRES

Are you a night student lacking school spirit and involvement? Do you find yourself wishing you could join a campus club but can't because they all meet during the day?

Out of 35 clubs, none hold night meetings to involve Valley's approximately 9,000 evening students. Even the newly established Spirit Club, created to involve students, meets during the day only.

While night students can complete their required courses in most subject fields for the associate in arts degree or occupational certificate, they cannot join and participate in a campus organization.

Oh, they could join the organization, but how could they be active members? Attend only the nightly events, right? This would be fine if the proposed night members could meet with other members to decide what their roles would be in a club function. That is if all of their night activities are fundraisers that require members' full participation.

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But what if the only night events are parties or banquets? The club president finds him or herself stuck with night members who can do no more than reap the benefits of the club since he can only be present at night functions.

And in most clubs, members must attend almost all meetings to remain members. Where does this leave the night student who can only attend night functions, not meetings, and has a great desire to be active in a service organization?

Even if a club does meet at night, it is almost impossible to find out which club it is or when it meets. For example, at a recent Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) meeting, Jeff Sloane, Associated Students vice-president and IOC chairman, was asked which clubs meet at night. IOC is the organization that is comprised of representatives from all of Valley's chartered clubs, and Sloane, as chairman of IOC, could only say that he wasn't sure any clubs with night meetings existed.

For the purpose of informing night students about which clubs were holding night activities, the Evening Valley Star asked Nancy McMackin, IOC vice-chairman, if any clubs scheduled events over the next two weeks.

The closest thing to a night attraction was an event to be held at 3 p.m. If this is representative of the whole semester's list of activities to be held at night, then an interested student could not even attend events other than meetings.

So, once again, if you feel you are being left out, it's probably because you are.

Join the Y.

LETTERS

Bus Rider Voices Concern; Student Foresees Calamity

Editor,

I read with interest the article on the transit system in Los Angeles County by Steve Barnett.

As I ride the RTD freeway flyer into the Valley everyday to work, I look with horror at the congestion of the Ventura — Hollywood Freeway. In virtually every car there is only one person, and that's the driver.

Are we willing to give up the luxury of driving our automobiles?

It's too bad that the majority of people in any metropolitan area have the compulsive desire to drive in privacy. Until a major catastrophe befalls Los Angeles, when people literally start dropping dead from the air pollution, there will never be a wide spread patronage of public transportation.

An effective and economical mass transit system would be ideal in serving our area and in saving our enviroment. The big question is, are we willing to give up the luxury of driving our automobiles? In my opinion at this point in time — 1977 — the answer is "No."

Sincerely yours,
Gordon Lue

Editor,

I would be always impressed by reading articles like the one by Steve Barnett, "Los Angeles Strangling Itself For No Reason" (Feb. 28, 1977). I think we need, at least every now and then, a prod like this to initiate in us some ways of whittling down our endless abuse to our source of life. Nothing more is required but a mere adjustment to a ready-made alternative which without any controversy would alleviate the ever existing poisons of our atmosphere. The impending abrogation of mass transportation is enough to remind us that our intransigent nonchalance would lead us to nowhere but to a calamitous end.

I hope you would continue to awaken us with your invaluable articles about our deteriorating environment.

Kevork Arakelian

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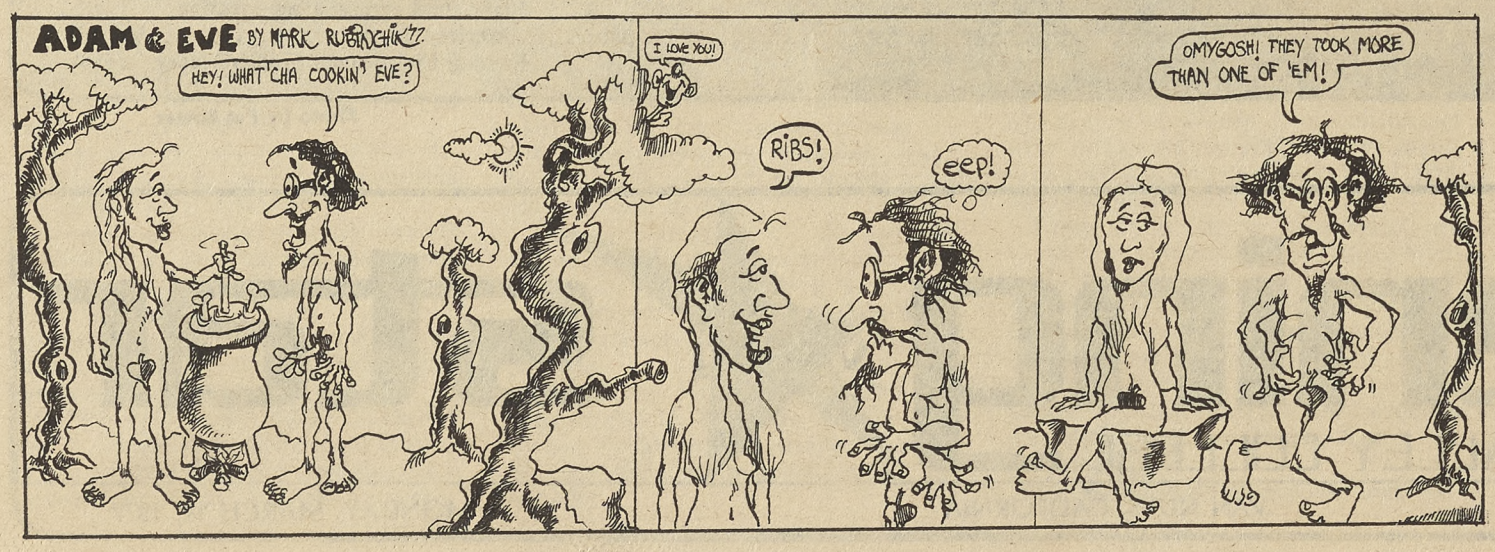
Dept. Chairmen Hold Eve. Hours

Many evening students have asked the same question over and over again. Who can I go to when I have a question about my classes, unit requirements, and other college matters?

Here's the answer. Simply contact Allan C. Keller, Dean of Evening Instruction. His available hours are 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. He will, in turn, refer students to their respective evening department chairmen. This will enable them to secure help and advice with their assignments, and possible change of classes whenever necessary.

There are also various counselors available for night students in the Administration Building. They can be contacted Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Feedback

California's Community College system is facing possible mandatory tuition. How would you feel if this became reality at Valley College?

Interviews were conducted by Ellen Shenker, photos by Timothy Durden.

I feel as an adult education night class student I would favor tuition. I think that would help pay property taxes. Is that a surprise answer?

Peggy Holmes
Age: 38, Major: Business

I think it's ridiculous! We pay taxes and that's what supports the school. There's absolutely no reason they should charge tuition. For what? Junior college is extended high school.

Dee Willen
Age: 23, Major: Psychology

I think students could pay some part of the expense. I'm just here for a lecture course, but I think there could be a minimum fee that students could pay. I'm for it.

James Brennan
Age: 49, Major: Extra Classes

I think that would be terrible. As it is right now we have to pay for books and all kinds of papers. We also have to work in the daytime to pay for housing and other expenses. If they start charging it would really be terrible.

Cesar Cervantes
Age: 21, Major: Business

Not that many people have the money to pay for college. That's why they're coming to these colleges now. I would pay it because I have the money and I want the college education.

Kathy De Martini
Age: 18, Major: Business

It would still be a lot cheaper than going to Northridge, or some place like that. It would probably take some of the burden off the taxpayer, so it might be a good deal. I don't really know because I'd have to see how much it would be and if it would improve the schools. It would depend on a lot of things.

Michael Waldo
Age: 19, Major: Fire Science

Well, I really won't have anything to say about it because I'm going into the Air Force.

Lisa McEntire
Age: 19, Major: Law Enforcement

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Night Care: Reality or Fantasy?

This is the first in a series of three articles investigating the possibilities of a child care program in the evening.

This story discusses the problems and objections to such a program. In the next issue, proposed solutions to these problems will be covered.

By KEVIN GRABLE

Problems and obstacles in the way of child care services for the children of Valley College evening students are, to say the least, awesome.

There just doesn't seem to be a need among evening students for the type of care the present Child Development Center provides.

At present the center is set up for children of pre-school age, 2½ to 5 years old.

However, it isn't practical to provide care for that particular age group in the evening, according to Carol Rookstool, director of Valley's Child Development Center.

She pointed out that most evening students attend class only one or two nights a week, and the children would have to adapt to a strange environment on a weekly basis.

Children of pre-school age "need regular routines," said Rookstool. "That is one reason why day care programs work out so well. Younger children take well to the routine."

She said that the irregular schedule coupled with the late hours would be hard on younger children and create tremendous stress.

Presumably because they are impractical, evening child care programs are not popular with parents. "At Valley we had funding for an experimental program a year ago," said Rookstool. "We had only four applicants."

For that reason the experimental evening program was abandoned, and the money was spent on expansion of the day care program.

However, at three other campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District, experimental evening child care programs were instituted. At Los Angeles Southwest College and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, experimental programs were funded during the 1975-76 school year.

These experiments were abandoned, however, after one year, because they were not being utilized to a very high degree.

"Our experience with evening programs has been pretty unsuccessful," said Suzanne Brooks, staff assistant for college relations and community services, at the district's central office.

Because of low utilization factors, she pointed out, the cost of caring for a single child becomes very high.

She said that during a normal day care program, the cost per hour of caring for each child is as low as $2. However, during the evening, with small numbers of children, the costs can run up to $14 or $15 per child per hour.

"Child care for everyone is something I wholeheartedly believe in," said Brooks, "but with public money, you have to weigh the advantages and disadvantages."

Experience has shown that there just isn't a need for evening child care services for pre-school-aged children.

There does seem to be a need for care of another age group that has largely been overlooked in the planning and building of the day care centers in this district.

"At Valley, there is indeed a small group of people who need (evening) child care, but the age group that needs to be served at night is school-aged," commented Rookstool, citing the need in the evenings for care of older children 6 to 8 years of age.

Although there is a definite need for supervision and care for school-aged children at night, this age group brings with it a whole new set of problems.

—Present day care centers are not set up to handle older children. They are designed for care and supervision of pre-school kids.

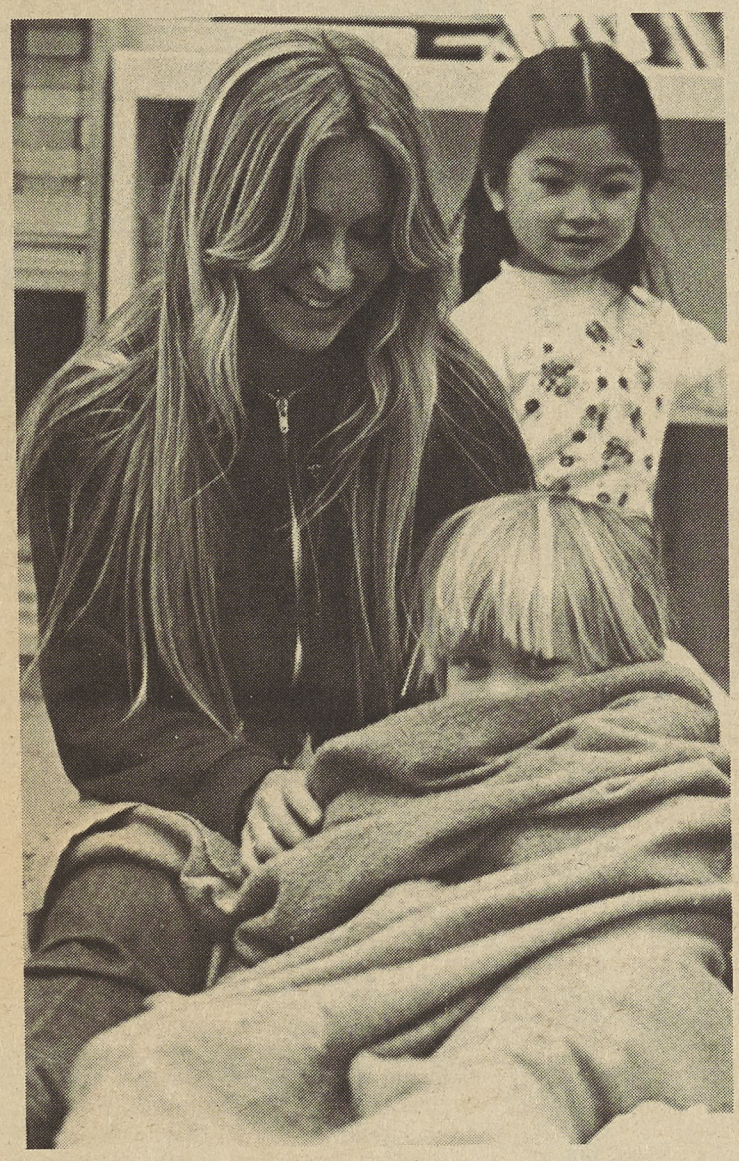
—There is not enough room for school-age children to move around at the day care center. They would require a larger area, possibly in the Physical Education Department, in a recreation-related class.

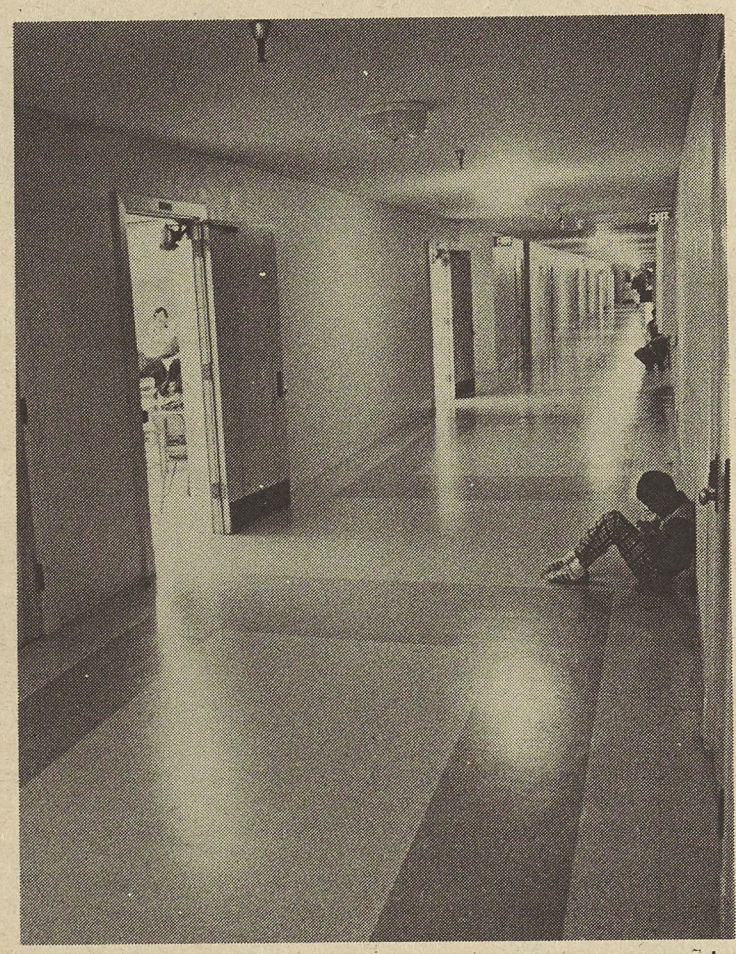
—There is probably not enough space on campus for such a program.

—The district is in the business of educating adults. Rookstool said she doubts they would want to put themselves in the position of conducting classes for school-age children.

—Money would have to found to pay for the program. There is presently no money earmarked for this purpose. A qualified teacher would have to be hired, and equipment would be needed.

—It has never been done before.





A STUDY IN CONTRAST — Nancy Brammer contends with under cover agent Alicia Reukema, 5, and Trang Lam, 4, at Valley College's Child Development Center, left. On the other hand, Vincent Dapremont, 10, has to rough it every Tuesday and Thursday evenings while his mother, Lillie, studies shorthand.

Evening Star photos by Jeff Clark and Clay Pinnick

Roll Up Your Sleeves; Bloodmobile on Way

In keeping with the tradition of vampires and Dracula, blood can now be given at night.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus March 14-16. A special time has been scheduled for evening students on Wednesday, March 16 from 3 to 8 p.m.

"A night bloodmobile was usually disasterous for this college," said Mary Shih, blood drive chairperson. "But last semester we managed to provide an evening bloodmobile that was somewhat successful."

Sign-up tables will be located in strategic points on campus for students who wish to donate one pint of blood.

Door prizes will be awarded to donors during the bloodmobile. Free coupons will be given to everyone who comes to donate. Two tickets to Disneyland will also be awarded.

To be eligible to donate, you must weigh 110 pounds or more, be between the ages of 18 and 65, and be in good health.

"If you don't know if you can donate blood, come in anyway," remarked Shih. "Nurses will interview you on your medical history and will tell you if there are any problems."

Many students have been turned away because of colds, being on medication, and other medical problems.

Volunteers will be speaking to various classes to recruit students for donations and answer any questions about donating blood.

The project goal for this semester is 450 pints.

More information is available in Campus Center 100, or contact Mary Shih or Willetta Grady in student government offices during the day.

GRAFFITI NOT SEXIST

A study by 120 Minnesota college students has found that there is as much obscene graffiti in women's restrooms as men's. The survey also found little difference between the content of the scribblings on the walls in service stations and in churches.

Valley Curtails Before It's Too Late

By LACUION JOHNSON

Have you noticed the fireplace in the Campus Center Fireside Room lately?

If you haven't, the next time you visit the Fireside Room, the fire will probably be out, because the energy conservation program that Valley College is going on will be extreme.

Dane Hooper, coordinator of energy conservation for the Department of Water and Power (DWP) in Los Angeles, says that Valley is one of their major customers and that, "They have done fairly well towing the line."

Sometimes Valley is forced to convert from gas to Number 2 diesel oil because of the limited amount of gas available.

But, "towing the line" is only the beginning according to Don Brunet, dean of administrative services. He says, "We have done rewiring in some of the buildings on campus and plan to do more where it is practical."

Other energy conservation methods include the changing of the lights on campus from incandescent (which use more energy) to halite lights. The new lights are much more efficient and provide better lighting. They last eight times longer, and cost less.

According to Valley's budget, the monetary figures run extremely high. For the fiscal year '77&'78, the current amount of money being spent for gas is $35,042; for electricity, $250,753; for telephone expenses, $44,768; and for water, $25,392.

The DWP, however, predicts major increases in these figures by the second half of that fiscal year.

Gas will increase as much as $20,000 electricity will hit an alarming increase of $70,000, telephone expenses will climb another $4,000, and water is expected to go up another $2,500.

Every attempt is being made to reduce these costs through an energy conservation program. Valley has one advantage over other schools. We have a steam plant primarily for heat. We can convert from gas to number two diesel oil, but Dean Brunet says, "We don't like to use oil. Sometimes we are required to use oil because of the limited amount of gas available."

A preliminary meeting was held to discuss what might be done to conserve energy on campus.

Members who met with Dean Brunet were Mary Ann Burkell, coordinator; M.J. Berko, building & ground administrator; Wayne Randall, senior electrician; "Rocky" Rukivano, senior plummer; and Don Reed, principal gardener. These are the people who would be most involved with energy conservation programs on this campus.

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EVENING EVENTS

In the Art Gallery, a **faculty art exhibit** is open free of charge from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday (March 17).

Blood can be donated at the Red Cross **bloodmobile** in Monarch Hall Wednesday (March 16) from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

Valley's Monarch **gymnastic team** will take on CSU Northridge on Saturday (March 19) at Valley.

"The **Ascent of Man**: Music of the Spheres" and "Vivaldi's Venice" will be shown free of charge in Monarch Hall on Monday (March 21) at 7:30 p.m.

"**The Ship of Fools**," directed by Stanley Kramer, will be shown at 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday (March 22) in Monarch Hall. The film stars Simone Signoret, Oscar Werner, Vivien Leigh, Lee Marvin, and a superb cast of supporting actors. This screenplay was adapted from the novel by Katherine Anne Porter. Admission is free.

On Saturday (March 26) the Valley College High School **Jazz Festival** will be staged in Monarch Hall at 1 and 7 p.m. Admission is free.

New **personal development groups** are under way this month. Groups include Assertion Training, Body Awareness, Women's Sexuality, Men's and Women's Consciousness Raising, Middle Years, Values Clarification, and Exploration in Religion-Interfaith Dialogue. For further information, call the S/HE Center in CC108 at Ext. 264.

In the last issue of the Evening Valley Star, we said that the **cafeteria** closes for hot meals at 5 p.m. We were wrong. You can still get a hot meal on campus at the college cafeteria from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (But, not always under $1.) In addition, the grill is open from 3 to 9 p.m. where one can buy coffee and other goodies.

Tutors in a variety of subjects are available to students, free of charge, Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Learning Center. Marc McDonald, in charge of the night tutorial program, said that tutors can be provided for any subject area on one week's notice. The Learning Center opened its doors in a new location in the basement of the Campus Center.

PAPER PUBLISHED

Beverly N. Feldman, instructor in home economics, recently had her paper, entitled Procedure for New Course Development and Course Approval, published by ERIC Clearinghouse for Junior Colleges.

ENERGY

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Some of the topics discussed at that meeting were evaluating the sprinkler system for a more uniform water coverage, shutting off the gas in the fireplace in the Campus Center Fireside Room, regulating the flow and quantity of water used in our lavatories, possibly installing a dual system control for heating and air conditioning, replacing pilot lights in our gas equipment with electronic starters, initiating a strong campaign with the staff to turn off lights when not in use and evaluating the use of our stadium in the evening.

Dean Brunet said, "It's going to take everybody's help on campus in order for a program of this type to succeed." He went on to say that the drinking fountains are being cooled, but how much water is used? How much is wasted? "Perhaps installing paper cups to eliminate water waste may be an answer. This will be up to the students and staff."

Should the football games be played at night or daytime? Who should use the stadium? Grant High School and other schools use it. Should we continue this program or should we ask them to play during the day? Do we turn the cooler off on the fountains?

Dean Brunet said, "I would like to include the students as much as possible. I have an open door policy, and we need ideas." During a similar crisis about two and a half years ago, a 40 percent decrease in cost for electrical energy was achieved by Valley. Today we are saving just 30 percent. He says, "If we hit 40 percent once, why can't we keep it that way?"

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" began its showings for students this Thursday, March 10, and will continue to play Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. The play stars Martin Christopher as Tevye.

Evening Star photo by Jeff Clark

'Fiddler' at Little Theater

By TERRE ASHMORE

A favorable reaction toward a theatrical production during its dress rehearsal is a positive indicator of deserved success.

Such was my reaction in viewing Valley College's Theater Arts and Music Department's pre-production of Joseph Stein's "Fiddler on the Roof."

An in-depth review under such circumstances is unfair to both a reviewer and the theater group concerned, so at this point, I prefer to emphasize the enthusiasm exhibited by the group in both their dress performance and response to final direction.

I especially look forward to viewing the polished performance of Marty Christopher as Tevye. Christopher is obviously at home on the stage and happiest before a spotlight.

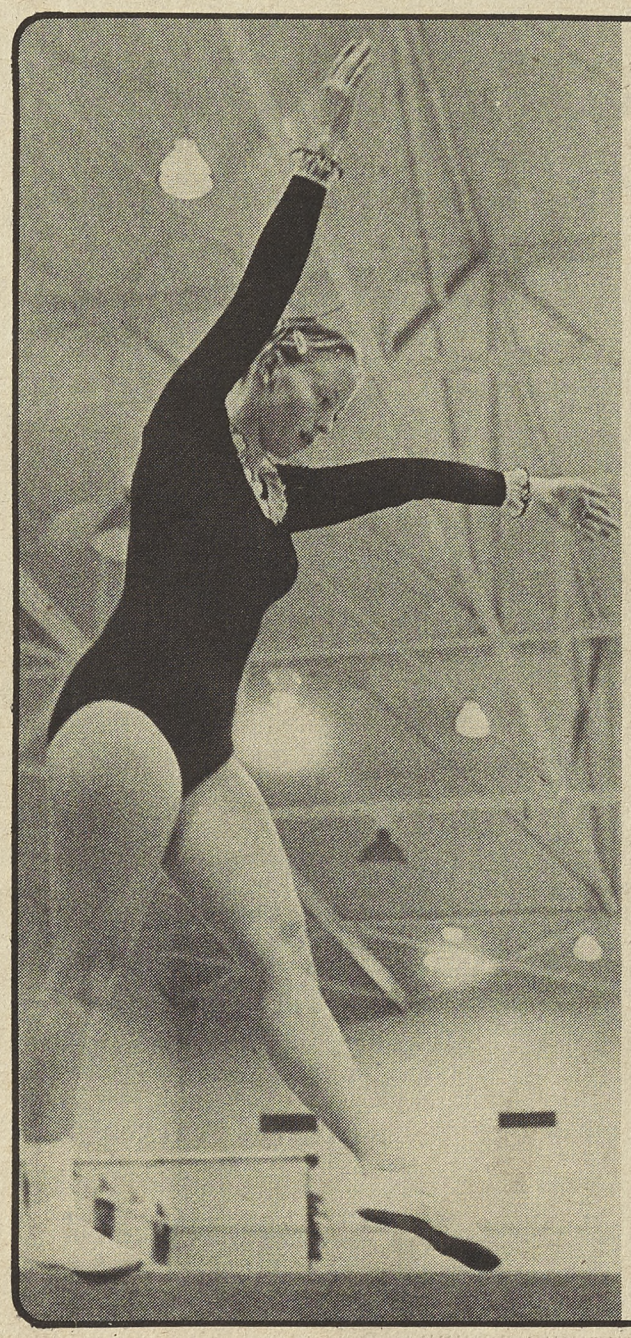
Other actors portraying main characters are Joy Hunter as Tevye's wife, Golde; Leslie Moulton, Tali Forest, and Judy Torres as Tevye's three daughters, Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava, respectively; Michael Connelly, Shawn Stevens, and Phil Nordella as the men the daughters marry; and Jean Zimmerman who metamorphosizes into a tight-lipped, meddling Yente, the matchmaker.

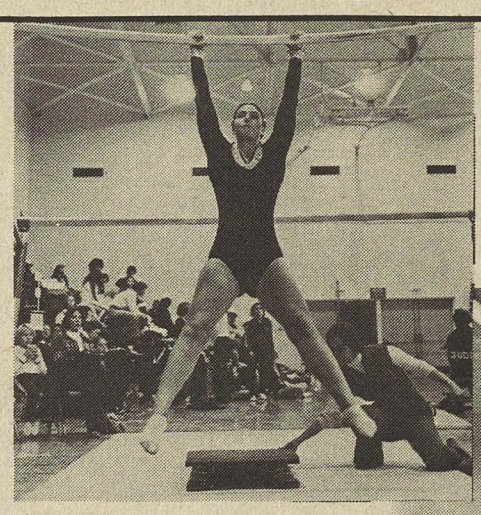
In short, "Fiddler" concerns the life of Tevye, a poor milkman, and the lives of his family and friends in the Russian village of Anatevka during the year of 1805. The central theme is Jewish tradition, overshadowed by the heartache and hope that have become a way of life for a persecuted people.

" 'Fiddler' is one man's statement of being at one with God and living his life according to God's laws; keeping his faith, no matter the obstacles," explains Edie Ewing, assistant to the director.

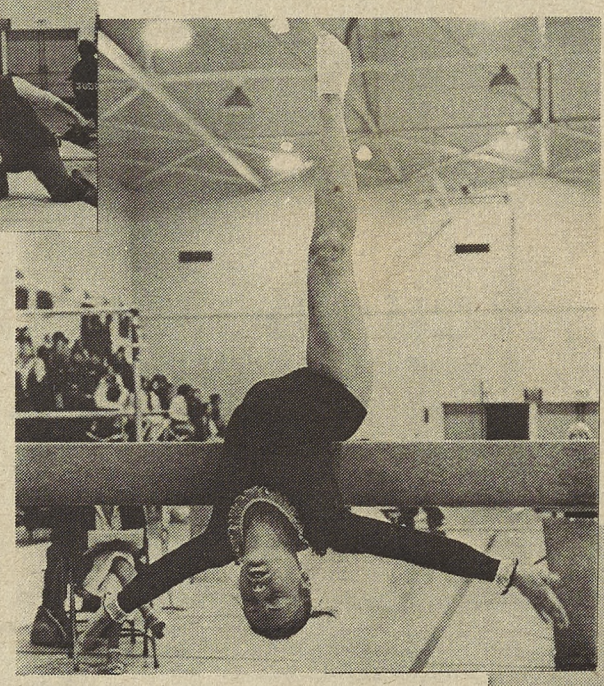
Final performances of promising entertainment accompanied by haunting music will be March 17, 18, and 19 at 8:30 p.m. in Valley's Little Theater. Reservations may be made by calling 781-1200, Ext. 318 or 319. General admission is $3 or free with paid ID.

Women's Sports Picking Up . . .





WALKIN' THE LINE . . . HANGIN' IN THERE — Valley gymnasts Lisa Blough (left) and Jeri Barton (above) toe the balance beam and swing on the parallel bars in last week's League Finals at Valley. Both are studies in competitive concentration as they stretch and strain to give their best effort and aid the VC cause.



NOW DON'T BLINK — Posing for pictures they're not, with their eyes closed, but Laura Koehler (left) and Judy Toffel (below) didn't bat an eye at their competition as they placed in the top 10, with Toffel qualifying for this week's Regionals in Reno. Watch for women's sports feature in next issue . . .

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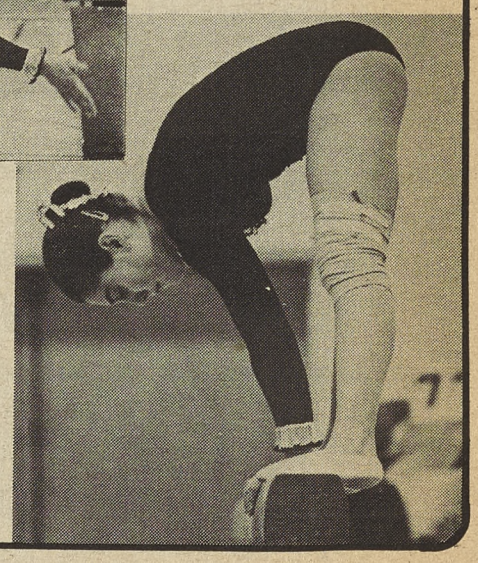

. . . as Gymnasts Finish Near Top